



Open Space Committee

Date: Thurs, May 26, 2022

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

Present: Ann LeRoyer, David Morgan, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Shirley Canniff, Eliza Hatch, David White, Wendy Richter, Brian Kelder, Brian McBride, Emily Nink

Absent: Teresa DeBenedictis

Guests: None

Agenda

1. Review/approve March 24 and April 28, 2022, Minutes

Committee members compared notes to add to the March 24, 2022, meeting minutes. D. White motioned to approve, E. Nink seconded. All approved.

D. White moved to approve the April 28, 2022, meeting minutes. E. Nink seconded. All approved.

2. Open Space and Recreation Plan 2022-2029 Update

A. LeRoyer requested committee feedback on the latest draft via email on or before June 6th.

W. Richter and E. Carr-Jones noted the Arlington Center for the Arts picture was incorrect. A. LeRoyer said she had found a few captions missing and other small corrections to make. B. McBride suggested adding the name of each section to the footer and making the goals and objectives matrix easier to read across page breaks. B. Kelder and E. Nink requested that the PDF be formatted with links to each section. W. Richter suggested centering page numbers for ease of use in print and digital formats.

D. White asked if the final document will be ADA accessible. D. Morgan agreed to check with the consultant about the final draft.

A. LeRoyer reported that her update on the plan will be given to Town Meeting in the second week of June. D. Morgan offered that he could share the report with additional recipients as a courtesy in addition to the stakeholders and those required by the state.

3. CPA Project Updates

a. A. LeRoyer shared that all CPA projects were funded by Town Meeting.

b. Volunteer recruitment effort launched for stewardship of Wellington Park by Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA). Town Land Stewards may have a role. MyRWA is seeking an organizer.

4. 40B Comprehensive Permit Applications

a. No major changes to the projects at Thorndike Place (Mugar), 1165R Mass Ave., and 1021 Mass Ave., except that D. Morgan reported hearing that the filing for 1021 Mass Ave. would happen in December of 2022.

5. Other News/Discussion

a. A. LeRoyer announced the Reservoir opening on 6/18/22.

b. A. LeRoyer asked for volunteers for Town Day. The group agreed to see how things look in September. A. LeRoyer committed to order the booth.

c. D. Morgan said that the Public Land Management Plan draft needed considerable revision and a meeting of the working group would be postponed to at least mid-June.

d. D. White said that the new path from Emerson Garden Road to Great Meadows has been opened. The new access includes parking spaces.

e. E. Carr-Jones inquired about the proposed changes to the Foot of the Rocks. A. LeRoyer said that there would be future public process about the proposal.

f. D. Morgan summarized the Town Biodiversity Summit and longer term plans to pull together a biodiversity plan for Arlington, including a preliminary meeting with the ecological planning firm Biohabitats.

6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

2022 Meeting Dates (4th Thursday except Nov and Dec) June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27, November 10, December 8